accomplishing one of its intended purposes and demonstrating an above average impact on reducing, or minimizing, the workload of the local criminal justice agencies as related to victim notification (Refer to Figure 3).

As Figure 4 depicts SAVAN is also exerting a substantial positive impact on its primary customers, i.e. victims of crime.   The perceived impact of the network, on enhancing and maintaining victim safety, was considerable with an average ranking of 6.74 being reported. Other secondary goals, and even unintended or unexpected positive goals, are also being attained. The system is exerting an above average impact on the local community (X=5.79) and is also perceived to be somewhat effective at reducing and preventing future acts of violence between the registered victims and their offenders (X=5.47).

Figure 3   Impact of SAVAN on Local Criminal Justice System
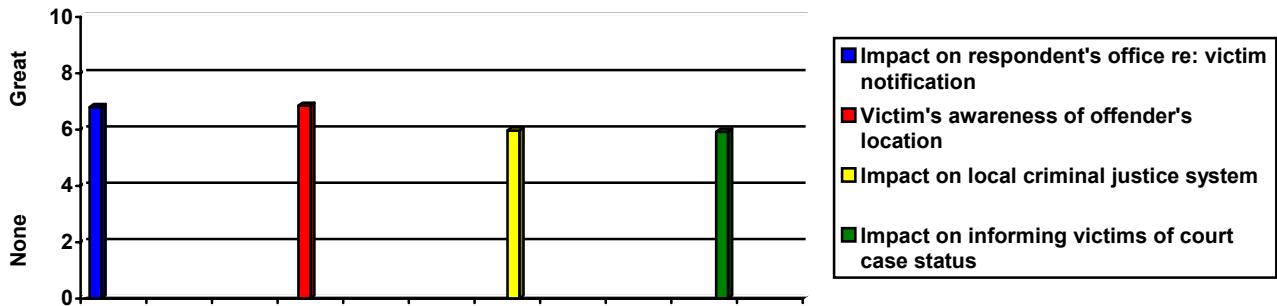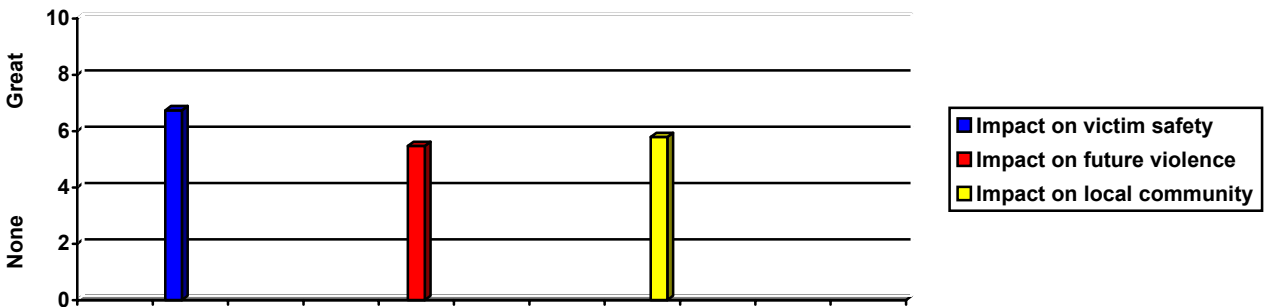

Figure 4   Impact of SAVAN on Victims and Local Community

Survey participants were also encouraged, through an open-ended question, to list what they perceived to be the most beneficial aspects and impact of the SAVAN network.   The majority of the respondents stated that the SAVAN system has been the most beneficial and has had the greatest impact on victims of crime. Thirty-six percent noted that the most significant benefit has been allowing victims the opportunity to know where their respective defendants are located. Twenty-eight percent stated that the network has been the most beneficial for improving victim